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SUBJECT: IRAN/AUSTRALIA JOINT VENTURE

1. AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY COMMERCIAL OFFICER PETER BERGMANN GAVE EMBOFF SOME DETAILS OF IRANIAN/AUSTRALIAN JOINT VENTURE TO PRODUCE LIVESTOCK. HE SAID COMPANY CAPITALIZATION WILL TOTAL \$A 40 MILLION. THE GOI WILL PUT UP \$A 10 MILLION, AND THE AUSTRALIANS WILL CONTRIBUTE A SIMILAR AMOUNT. THE REMAINING \$A 20 MILLION WILL BE LOANED TO THE JOINT VENTURE BY THE PUBLIC SECTOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT BANK OF IRAN AT COMMERCIAL RATES OF INTEREST. BERGMANN WAS UNSURE HOW MUCH CASH ALREADY HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE JOINT VENTURE, BUT HE SAID HE BELIEVES AT LEAST A PORTION OF THE IRANIAN INVESTMENT ALREADY HAS BEEN MADE.

2. BERGMANN SAID THE NEW JOINT VENTURE INITIALLY WOULD CONCENTRATE ON PROCURING BOTH LIVE ANIMALS AND MEAT, PREDOMINANTLY SHEEP AND MUTTON BUT ALSO SOME CATTLE AND BEEF FOR EXPORT FROM AUSTRALIA TO IRAN. LATER ON IT PROBABLY WOULD INVEST IN LAND AND BRANCH OUT TO PROVIDING A WIDER RANGE OF AUSTRALIAN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS TO IRAN. HE ADDED THAT PRIVATE TRADERS STILL WOULD BE EXPECTED TO SELL A MAJOR SHARE OF AUSTRALIA'S EXPORTS TO IRAN. THE NEW JOINT VENTURE, WHICH HE SAID DOES NOT YET HAVE A NAME, WOULD COMPETE WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR ON EQUAL TERMS.

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3. COMMENT: GOI INVESTMENT IN A JOINT VENTURE WITH AUSTRALIA  
TO SUPPLY AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES IS CONSISTENT WITH THE  
STATED GOAL OF PUTTING MONEY INTO FOREIGN COMPANIES WILLING  
TO PROVIDE NEEDED IMPORTS AND/OR TECHNICAL SERVICES.  
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